

HONORING CHUCK FOWKE

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Chuck Fowke, a home builder and developer from Valrico, Florida, who on February 10th concluded his successful term as the 2021 chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

As chairman, Chuck confronted the challenges he and his fellow builders faced during the COVID-19 pandemic head-on. His steady leadership at NAHB during the past year has paid great dividends as the housing industry has overcome new challenges.

Chuck provided a laser-like focus to keep housing moving forward by working with the administration and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to resolve issues pertaining to the price and availability of building materials, and the supply chain in general. He personally testified before Congress on this issue in October, calling on lawmakers to determine what action can be taken to address our nation's troubled building materials supply chain.

These efforts are paying dividends. Chuck and the NAHB have been working tirelessly to reduce lumber tariffs that have contributed to unprecedented price volatility and harmed housing affordability. These efforts proved successful as the Commerce Department announced on Jan. 31st that it would be lowering tariffs on Canadian lumber imports into the U.S. from 17.99 percent to 11.64 percent—a 35 percent reduction.

As founder and president of Homes by John C. Fowke Inc., Chuck has built hundreds of homes throughout Central Florida and the Tampa Bay area. He is dedicated to his industry, having previously served as president of the Tampa Bay Builders Association and the Florida Home Builders Association. In 2019, he was inducted into the Florida Home Builders Association Hall of Fame.

Chuck also recognizes the importance of giving back to the community he's helped build, having served as chairman of the Charity Women's Crisis Center's Addition and Renovation Committee. He contributed to the efforts of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Joshua House and completed a project for the Gary Sinise Foundation for a deserving military widow and her children.

I congratulate Chuck on his efforts to ensure that housing remains accessible and affordable to America's families. I congratulate him on his successful tenure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 58 and 59 on March 7, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 58 and 59.

HONORING THE KENTUCKY
SCIENCE CENTER'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Kentucky Science Center—located in my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky—as this outstanding institution celebrates its 150th anniversary.

Originally founded in 1871 as a “cabinet of curiosities” in the Public Library System of Kentucky, what was soon known as the Louisville Museum of Natural History and Science has grown in size and scope to become the largest hands-on science center in the Commonwealth and one of our region's leading resources for education immersion.

Simply put, they make science fun. At the core of the Kentucky Science Center's mission are these simple instructions: “play, tinker, explore, collaborate, test, experiment, goof up, and try again.” Though their focus is helping teach their visitors about a specific field of study, I can't think of more fitting instructions for any endeavor of learning, no matter your age.

Their approach makes learning accessible to people from all walks of life. Whether you're an individual, a family, or an educator with a classroom full of students, the Kentucky Science Center has a seemingly never-ending supply of programming tailored to meet your needs, helping you think big and learn more. Understanding the important role STEM education plays in our future, the Kentucky Science Center has been an invaluable resource in advancing this field of study for all who are lucky to pass through its doors, helping us prepare the next generation of leaders right here in Louisville.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District, I thank the administrators, staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Kentucky Science Center for all of their hard work in making this place of learning such a valuable asset to our community. The Kentucky Science Center has encouraged us to think critically, to immerse ourselves in the marvels of science, and to stay forever curious. I congratulate them on this important milestone and I look forward to another 150 years.

HONORING BURLINGTON HIGH
SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burlington High School Boys Basketball Team for their first appearance in the Iowa High School State Tournament since 1987.

These extraordinary young men have worked tirelessly to hone their skills and overcome obstacles during this season. I am extremely honored to represent these young men in Congress and proud that their hard work was rewarded by an appearance in the

state tournament. I look forward to seeing this program continue to grow and develop and cannot wait to see more tournament appearances soon.

HONORING SERVICE OF MSGT
JOSHUA UPTON**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Master Sgt. Joshua Upton, crew chief with the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He has recently been selected as the 131st Bomb Wing's Maintainer of the Year.

Master Sgt. Joshua Upton has distinguished himself as an essential leader in the B-2 mission, providing both hard work and high performance while stationed and deployed. He was awarded with an incentive flight in a B-2 Spirit bomber on January 9th. Sgt. Upton's leadership as an aircraft-dedicated crew chief has led to the execution of 18 sorties and 145.9 flying hours in support of 16 higher headquarters missions.

Aircraft mechanics are essential to the maintenance, safety, and success of our Armed Forces. Without their long hours of hard work and commitment to detail, these sorties would not be possible. Mechanical teams and their crew chiefs work each day around the clock to ensure constant readiness for military aircraft that are vital to our national defense. Our adversaries never rest and neither do our aircraft maintenance squadrons.

It is a great honor that I recognize the dedicated service of Master Sgt. Joshua Upton. His steadfast leadership and continuous devotion to each mission are part of what make our military the best in the world. I am proud of his accomplishment and his team of aircraft maintenance technicians for earning this recognition. Please join me in congratulating him for his dedicated service to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF JONATHAN B. HOTCHKISS TO
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM MU-
SEUM**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jonathan B. Hotchkiss's long history of volunteerism and nearly 20 years of service to the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton, NH. For the past two decades, Jonathan has served his community as a steadfast supporter of New Hampshire agriculture and culture.

Jon worked with the Farm Museum in a variety of capacities including the facility maintenance, cost-saving program development, grant writing, reenactments, and as both a member and President of the Board of Trustees. He worked tirelessly to develop community and business relationships that enabled the museum to become more organized, creative and financially stable.